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Response to Office Action Mailed January 6, 2009

A. Claims in the Case

Claims 13 and 15 have been rejected. Claims 1-10 and 12 are allowed. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 12 are pending.

B. The Claims Are Not Indefinite Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action, however, to expedite prosecution, claims 13 and 15 have been canceled.

C. Summary

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009. A fee authorization is enclosed for the extension of time fee. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5682-00900/EBM

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